

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

JOHN KNIGHT, DONNA RUSSELL
KNIGHT, CHARLES COLE, VIIU
NIILER, AND COUNTRY GLASS
SHOP,

Plaintiffs,

$$\mathbf{V}_i$$

CHRISTMAS TREE SHOPS, INC.

Defendant.

Case No. 04 12698 JLT

**DEFENDANT CHRISTMAS TREE SHOPS, INC.'S
LOCAL RULE 16.1(D) CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to Local Rule 16.1(D)(3) Defendant Christmas Tree Shops, Inc. submits the following certification:

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have conferred with a view to establishing a budget for the various costs of conducting the full course -- and various alternative courses -- of the litigation, and to consider the resolution of the litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in Local Rule 16.4.

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